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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 08442.0002-04000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Joseph C. CAUTHEN ) Group Art Unit: 3738  
Application No.: 10/085,040 )  
Examiner: David J. Isabella  
Filed: March 1, 2002 ) Confirmation No.: 8078  
For: INTERVERTEBRAL DISC )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant petitions for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Office

Action mailed on March 7, 2007. The fee of \$510.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge  
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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